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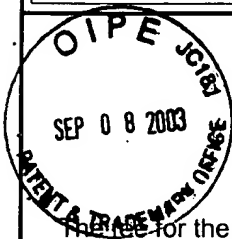
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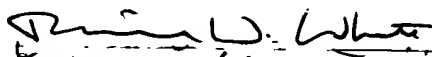
  
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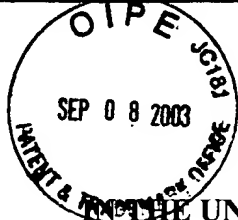
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RESPONSE

Sir:

Applicant submits this Response to the Office Action of May 7, 2003. A check is enclosed for the required one-month small-entity extension fee.

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-15, 17-25, 27 and 29-31, as currently pending, are listed below. In the Office Action, the Examiner lifted the previous grounds for rejection of such claims, for which applicant expresses appreciation. The current Office Action applies yet another main reference, the Gsell et al. patent, as part of new 35 USC 103(a) rejections. Applicant submits that the new rejections should also be lifted. Applicant's claimed invention *not* obvious.

As laid out in detail below, applicant supports nonobviousness with *facts* in the Gsell et al. patent and a key *limitation* in applicant's claims -- all illuminated by *factual evidence of unobviousness* in the Declaration of Ernest Mayer. It is *unobvious* to use Tyvek as the filter material in a non-woven annular pleated filter cartridge; in such field, applicant's claims represent an important advance. Reconsideration is requested.

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**Applicant's Claims** are set forth beginning on page 3 of this Response.

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